

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network's



# News from the Network

Connecting you to the volunteer community



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## **Greetings Volunteer Network Members:**

Well, we survived the heat at the big National Night Out event on Tuesday that was tagged yet again with an official heat advisory – seriously, is that 3 years in a row?! But the heat didn't discourage attendance at this event focusing on neighborhood safety and what a great time we had with our "Volunteer on the Spot" activity. Read about what we did and see the pictures of our enthusiastic and creative volunteers.

Have you had a memorable or inspirational volunteer experience with one of your volunteer programs? Do you have a fantastic volunteer you've worked with? We want to hear from you! Tell us about your volunteer and program successes to be spotlighted in an upcoming issue of the Network News and on the Volunteer Network website. Simply reply to this email to let us know you have a story to tell.

~Bet & Lucy

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## **NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Nominate an Outstanding Older Adult – deadline August 15<sup>th</sup>!**

The Senior Salute Committee needs YOUR help finding the 2008 Senior Honorees to be recognized at the Senior Salute, a part of the Monroe County Fall Festival held on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Area 10 Agency on Aging's Endwright Center. Approximately 10 Monroe and Owen County individuals, 55+ years of age, will be honored for their outstanding community contributions. The committee is searching for individuals who have positively impacted their community through volunteer service, civic engagement and overall contributions. The nomination form is simple, asking only for the name and contact information of the individual and a statement of no more than 500 words describing your nominee's length, breadth and impact of contributions to the community. Please send nominations to Christine McKenna, Area 10 Agency on Aging, 630 W. Edgewood Dr., Ellettsville, IN 47429. Questions? Call (812)876-3383, 800-844-1010 or email [cmckenna@area10agency.org](mailto:cmckenna@area10agency.org). [Download the Nomination Form.](#)

### **Volunteer Recruitment System Orientation - Are You On the List? – space still available**

**The following organizations have already signed up for their session – Have you?**

American Cancer Society • American Red Cross • Amethyst House • Area 10 Agency On Aging • Backstreet Missions Inc. • Bell Trace Health & Living Center • Big Brothers Big Sisters Of South Central Indiana • Bloomington Hospital • Bloomington Restorations, Inc. • Boys And Girls Clubs Of Bloomington • Cardinal Stage Company • Center for Women's Ministries International Headquarters • Christole, Inc. • Citizen Advocacy of South-Central Indiana Inc. • City of Bloomington Animal Care & Control • City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation • Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County • Community Kitchen of Monroe County • Crisis Pregnancy Center • Cry of the Children • Deep Roots Animal Sanctuary • Golden Living Center • Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County • Hannah House Maternity Home • Harmony School • Hoosier Hills Food Bank • Hospice Of Bloomington Hospital • IU Center For Student Leadership Development • IU Department of Theater and Drama • IU Hilltop Garden & Nature Center • IU Mathers Museum Of World Cultures • IU Office of Orientation Programs • Lotus Education & Arts Foundation • MCCSC Adult Education At Broadview Learning Center • Middle Way House & The Rise • Monroe County CASA • Monroe County History Center • Monroe County Humane Association • Mother Hubbard's Cupboard • Ophelia Project Of Monroe County • People and Animal Learning Services • Rhino's Youth Center • RSVP • Special Olympics Indiana - Monroe County • Stepping Stones Inc. • IU Student Organizations & Leadership Development and Office of Service

*Learning • Sycamore Land Trust • T.C. Steele State Historic Site • The Chamber's Franklin Initiative • United Way of Monroe County • Villages of Indiana Inc. • Volunteers in Medicine • WFHB Bloomington Community Radio • Wildcare, Inc. • Youth Services Bureau of Monroe County*

Don't delay getting oriented to the new system of posting your volunteer opportunities and Wish List items with the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network! The sooner you get familiar with the system, the sooner you can begin your online matching and recruitment. It's fast, it's easy and it's a totally free service for all of our Volunteer Network members!

A soft launch of the system is planned for September, so August is the time to become familiar with the system and get your opportunities posted and ready to be viewed by potential volunteers.

**Don't miss this opportunity to continue listing your volunteer opportunities and Wish List items with the City of Bloomington Volunteer Network.**

**Register today!** Contact [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov) or call 349-3433 with your preferred orientation session day and time to reserve your seat. Call or email to save your seat! [View session availability.](#)

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### National Night Out



Attendees at this week's National Night Out event on Summit Street turned out in droves to "Volunteer on the Spot" at the Volunteer Network's booth. Each year the Volunteer Network offers a new "Volunteer on the Spot" project to give residents and attendees the opportunity to give back while attending this annual event. This year's theme was "Volunteer Rocks!" Volunteers young and old painted "Wishing Rocks" to gift to residents of area nursing homes. The result was fantastic – and will be sure to be a cheerful boost to the recipients. [View event photos.](#)

## RESOURCES & MATERIALS

### Energize, Inc. Website

Forums, discussion, expertise, support along with ideas, ideas, and more ideas! Energize, Inc. is an international training, consulting and publishing firm specializing in volunteerism. Founded in 1977, Energize has assisted organizations of all types with their volunteer efforts--whether they are health and human service organizations, cultural arts groups, professional associations, or schools. Check out their [Volunteer Management Resource Library](#) and the monthly "hot topic" essay penned by Energize, Inc. president and noted author on volunteerism, Susan J. Ellis. Energize, Inc. gets two thumbs up from the Volunteer Network Staff. [View website.](#)

### Value of Volunteer Time

What is your volunteer's time worth? The estimated dollar value of volunteer time is \$19.51 per hour for 2007. This estimate helps acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference. Charitable organizations can use this estimate to quantify the enormous value volunteers provide. [Independent Sector] [http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer\\_time.html](http://www.independentsector.org/programs/research/volunteer_time.html)

## CALENDAR

**Aug. 8, 12, 14, 18, 19, 26 & 28**

### Volunteer Solutions Orientation Sessions

Sign up to get your users guide and get oriented to this new volunteer management system. See more info [online](#). To register, contact the Volunteer Network at 349-3433 or [volunteer@bloomington.in.gov](mailto:volunteer@bloomington.in.gov).

### Sept. 1 (Labor Day)

### IU New Student Service Day

New Student Service Day, sponsored by the IU Orientation office, is a great opportunity for students to get involved with Bloomington -- their new community. Students will join other members of their incoming class in various community service projects around Bloomington and the IUB campus. To propose a project for these student volunteers at your organization, contact Emily McCallister at 855-4357 or [emccalli@indiana.edu](mailto:emccalli@indiana.edu).

**Sept. 9**

**IU Student Involvement Fair**

The IU Fall Volunteer Opportunities Fair will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair this year. It was estimated that 800 to 1200 students participated last year! That's a lot of potential volunteers. Sign up now to have a booth at <http://orientation.indiana.edu/IUSIF>

**Oct 29-30**

**2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum**

Nonprofit leaders are invited to join the discussion at the 2008 BoardSource Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Registration Fee. [Read More.](#)

**Nov. 1**

**CareFest sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church**

CareFest, sponsored by Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, unites hundreds of volunteers for one purpose - to make a difference by serving community assistance organizations and public schools. Group volunteer projects are being solicited from nonprofit organizations who could utilize the assistance of CareFest volunteers. For more information about CareFest, contact Lyne Brown at [lbrown@socc.org](mailto:lbrown@socc.org).

**National Days of Service in 2008**

August 2: Community Build Day

September 11: MyGoodDeed.org

October 19 – 25: Kids Care Week

October 25: Kids Care Week

November 22: National Family Volunteer Day

To learn more about any of the National Days of Service visit the [National Days of Service Calendar.](#)

**WEEKLY VOLUNTEER UPDATE**

Get your volunteer recruitment efforts featured in the Weekly Volunteer Update! Wish you could reach thousands of interested potential volunteers with one simple task? You can!

[Submit your volunteer recruitment requests now.](#)

[Read the current Weekly Volunteer Update...](#)

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